

HISTORICAL DIVISION[223]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 303.1 and 303.1A, the Department of Cultural Affairs hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 21, "Membership in the Society," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments modify the award programs of the State Historical Society of Iowa. Specifically, the amendments create additional Board of Trustees' awards to recognize citizen achievements in support of Iowa's history. In addition, these amendments establish the process for nomination of individuals and organizations for these awards and the process for review and evaluation of nominations for the awards.

Public comments concerning the proposed amendments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on November 12, 2008. Interested persons may submit written or oral comments by contacting Kristen Vander Molen, Department of Cultural Affairs, Historical Building, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290; fax (515)281-6975; E-mail kristen.vandermolen@iowa.gov. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Department of Cultural Affairs at (515)281-4228.

Also, there will be a public hearing on November 12, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at the above address in Classroom B, Third Floor West, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those relating to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 303.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 223—21.2(303) as follows:

223—21.2(303) Fees. Fees are charged for benefits and services provided to members. The membership program is administered by the ~~Iowa Historical Foundation~~ Historical Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, telephone (515)281-~~8823~~ 8741.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 21.3(1) as follows:

21.3(1) Purpose. The society shall make annual awards to individuals, groups, or organizations for the ~~purpose~~ purposes of encouraging and rewarding contributions to the field of Iowa history; establishing an image of tradition and continuity; ~~and~~ creating a greater public and academic visibility for the society; and promoting high-quality rehabilitation of historic buildings.

ITEM 3. Adopt the following new paragraphs **21.3(2)"f"** and **"g"**:

f. Kids Count! Award. This award recognizes outstanding library, archives, historic site and museum service provided to National History Day student researchers in Iowa during the previous program year. The board may give up to two certificates of merit and one certificate of achievement annually.

g. Preservation Projects of Merit Award. This award recognizes historic preservation projects that exemplify the best of preservation practices, meet the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, and utilize the state historic preservation and cultural and

entertainment district tax credit program. The board may give one award annually in each of the following four categories.

(1) Judith A. McClure Award. This award recognizes outstanding preservation of a residential property using state historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program incentives. For purposes of this award, residential property shall be as defined in rule 223—48.2(303,404A).

(2) Adrian D. Anderson Award. This award recognizes outstanding preservation of a small historic preservation project using state historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program incentives. For purposes of this award, small projects are defined as those projects having total qualified costs, as determined by Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 165, of \$500,000 or less.

(3) Margaret Keyes Award. This award recognizes outstanding preservation of a large historic preservation project using state historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program incentives. For purposes of this award, large projects are defined as those projects having total qualified costs, as determined by Iowa Code chapter 404A as amended by 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 165, of more than \$500,000.

(4) William J. Wagner Award. This award recognizes the historic preservation project which best exemplified use of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings while using state historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program incentives.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following new subparagraphs **21.3(3)“a”(3)** and **(4)**:

(3) Kids Count! Award. Nominations for this category shall be reviewed by an awards committee composed of, at a minimum, three voting members, including at least one member of the society board of trustees and one practicing History Day teacher. The committee shall also include one staff member of the society serving in a nonvoting capacity.

(4) Preservation Projects of Merit Award. Nominations for this category shall be reviewed by an awards committee composed of, at a minimum, three voting members, including at least one member of the society board of trustees, one licensed architect who specializes in historic preservation, and one member of the state nominations review committee appointed in accordance with 223—subrule 35.6(6). The committee shall also include one staff member of the society serving in a nonvoting capacity.

ITEM 5. Amend paragraph **21.3(3)“b”** as follows:

b. Period of eligibility. Awards in the Mildred Throne/Charles Aldrich, George Mills/Louise Noun, Benjamin F. Shambaugh, and Loren Horton categories shall be made for activities and publications produced during the calendar year prior to the nomination. Awards in the Kids Count! category shall be made for activities during the most recently completed National History Day competition in Iowa. Awards in the Preservation Projects of Merit category shall be made for state historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit projects completed in the previous fiscal year.

ITEM 6. Adopt the following new subparagraphs **21.3(3)“c”(6)** and **(7)**:

(6) Kids Count! Award. National History Day student researchers may nominate research libraries, archives, historic sites and museums on forms provided by the National History Day in Iowa program. Nominations shall include the name of the library, archive, historic site or museum nominated for the award and a description of the services provided by that library, archive, historic site or museum to National History Day student researchers in Iowa.

(7) Preservation Projects of Merit Award. All historic rehabilitation projects completed in the previous fiscal year, as determined by state historic preservation and cultural and entertainment district tax credit program staff, shall be considered for this award.

ITEM 7. Adopt the following new paragraphs **21.3(4)“f”** and **“g”**:

f. Kids Count! Award. Each nominated institution shall be evaluated on its commitment to research support for young historical researchers as demonstrated by the institution's positive attitude

toward young researchers, its level of research knowledge, and its assistance to individual researchers. These criteria shall be weighted equally.

g. Preservation Projects of Merit Award. Each preservation project shall demonstrate outstanding application of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, the project's impact on the local historic preservation community, and the project's impact on economic development in the local community. These criteria shall be weighted equally.